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## BOOK REVIEWS

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GRACE H. CAMERON, R.N.

**THE SOUL IN SUFFERING.** A practical application of spiritual truths.  
By Robert S. Carroll, M.D. The Macmillan Company, New York.  
Price, \$2.00.

That suffering is universal, all must admit;—suffering of body, mind and spirit. Most of us are prepared to care for one or the other, but few recognize the subtle, intimate relation of all three. The author, feeling this dependence of body on mind, and of both on spirit, presents a helpful, beautiful philosophy of life, that the suffering body may have relief in many instances because of an understanding of, and sympathy with, the distressed mind and the misery of the soul. He “stands for medical ideals reaching out to Christian ideals.” It is an inspiring book to those who minister, be they doctors, nurses or others, and is well deserving a place on the personal book shelf.

**AMERICAN MARRIAGE LAWS IN THEIR SOCIAL ASPECTS.** A Digest by  
Fred S. Hall and Elizabeth Brooke. The Russell Sage Founda-  
tion, New York City. Price, \$1.00.

Perhaps the best statement of the scope of this book can be had from excerpts from remarks of Mary E. Richmond, editor of the Social Work Series. “The plan of study to which the present Digest is merely preliminary, grew out of social case work in one of the large family agencies of New York, and this brief study illustrates, in a fashion, the relation between the social worker’s attempt to find a way out for a few people in grievous trouble and human issues of wider significance.” Miss Richmond is one of the members of a committee of a society for family social work to which are referred problems of individual welfare. She says “in about three-fifths of all the cases so referred, the committee found that the core of the difficulty centered around marital maladjustments. We had already noted the alarming increase in the number of divorces, but we had never fully realized the close relation between divorce and our ill-devised, variously-administered marriage laws.” “Miss Brooke and Mr. Hall have compiled the present summary of our marriage laws and of certain proposals made by others for their reform as preliminary to an inquiry into the way in which the laws on our statute books are actually administered. This first part of the larger study is put out promptly, however, because it will be of immediate service to the many who are now at last becoming interested in marriage law reform.”